



SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS AND MUSCULOSKELETAL AND SKIN DISEASES

THE POSITION: The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), a major research component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) within the Department of Health and Human Services, is recruiting for a Scientific Director of the Intramural Research Program. The NIAMS Intramural Research Program conducts clinical and laboratory research related to arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases. It also conducts basic research in biochemistry, immunology, pathology, histochemistry, chemistry, molecular biology, structural biology, and pharmacology. The Scientific Director serves as the principal advisor to the Director of the NIAMS concerning all ongoing and projected intramural research programs of the NIAMS and is responsible for the development of broad decisions concerning program planning, budget and policy formulation, and resource allocation of the intramural program. The Scientific Director represents the NIAMS in discussions of NIH-wide intramural policies and programs, and serves as a vital member of the senior staff of the Institute. In addition to the managerial/administrative responsibilities outlined above, the Scientific Director will carry out her/his own research program. Resources commensurate with the proposed research program will be provided.

THE CHALLENGE: To provide strong and effective leadership in the overall scientific management of an innovative basic and clinical research program in the field of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin disease with a budget of \$50 million and a staff of 250. The NIAMS is currently pursuing cutting-edge research on a broad spectrum of investigations, from fundamental analyses of protein structure and function by physical, genetic, and biochemical means to research on the etiology, pathogenesis, and treatment of selected rheumatologic, musculoskeletal, and skin diseases.

THE IDEAL CANDIDATE: Will have demonstrated scientific leadership and research experience in both a basic and clinical research program of national and international standing in an area relevant to arthritis and other rheumatic diseases, musculoskeletal diseases, and/or skin diseases. Applicants must have an M.D. and/or Ph.D. degree or equivalent degree, in a biomedical or related field.

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and research experience and includes a full Federal benefits package (which includes retirement; health, life, and long-term care insurance; Thrift Savings Plan, etc.).

HOW TO APPLY: An application accompanied by a current curriculum vitae and bibliography should be submitted to: Robert Balaban, Ph.D., Chair, Search Committee, c/o The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, Attn: Ms. Lynn Pupkar, 6706 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 400, Bethesda, MD 20892-3062. For further information, please call Dr. Robert Balaban, 301-496-3658 (E-mail: balabanr@mail.nih.gov) or visit the Web site at www.nih.gov/niams.

Selection for this position will be based solely on merit, with no discrimination for nonmerit reasons such as race, color, religion, gender, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, disability, age, sexual orientation, or membership/nonmembership in an employee organization.

The DHHS and NIH are Equal Opportunity Employers.

**QUALIFIED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY *April 29, 2005*
TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION.**

Applications received after this date may be considered if the position has not been filled.